

Westside WEEKLY

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Welcome

'Westside Weekly' is a newsletter designed to keep those working and living in the area up-to-date on the progress of the Birmingham Westside Metro extension.



Getting Around

We appreciate that everyone will have a different journey; the following is to assist you to plan ahead:

Paradise Circus is closed in both directions to facilitate the Metro construction from Victoria Square to Centenary Square. The A38 underpass remains open in both directions. Centenary Square is also closed to vehicles, while buses are diverting via Sheepcote Street and Bath Row. Traffic on Brunel Street will flow in the opposite direction for the duration of the closure.

The lower section of Pinfold Street is only open to vehicles accessing Victoria Square House car park whilst work is completed to connect the existing Metro line with the track of the new extension.

Ongoing works to futureproof the utility infrastructure are taking place outside of the Reflex nightclub.

The Broad Street Canal Tunnel is closed to canal and towpath traffic until mid-march 2019 for strengthening works. Clearly signed diversion routes are in place.

One lane is closed on Broad Street near the Brasshouse pub, while one lane is also closed on the Five Ways underpass leading into the city centre, to allow utilities work to take place.

Permanent traffic signals are now operational at the junction of Bath Row and Islington Row Middleway.

We recommend that you plan ahead, consider using public transport, walking or cycling if possible. If you do have to travel by car, allow more time for your journey and consider travelling off-peak if possible. For travel advice, visit: www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving

Metro extension work this week

Stephenson Street

Excavation work for the concrete base of the track has taken place this week.

Pinfold Street

Waterproofing works have got underway in Pinfold Street with a great start made due to favourable weather conditions.

Victoria Square

Good progress has been made on gas main diversion works which are expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

Paradise Street

Second stage concrete has been poured for the base of the track in both the Wolverhampton and Edgbaston direction.

Broad Street

Kerbs have been put in at the corner of Bridge Street, while concrete slab has been installed in preparation for the start of paving works on the north side of the street.



Hear more about our exciting plans

Come and find out more about the project and our upcoming works during an event next week.

Our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officers Amy Walker and Shervorne Brown will be available to answer your questions during the event on Thursday 14 March.

It will be held on a bus parked outside Deutsche Bank, Broad Street from 9am until 5pm.

Meanwhile, Shervorne will be marking International Women's Day during an event organised by Kings Heath Jobcentre on Friday 8 March.



Milestone reached on project

A milestone has been reached on the project with the installation of pre-cast beams which will strengthen the structure of Easy Row Subway, allowing the Metro to run along it.

These works have allowed the 12 metre extension of the subway, which will enable two Metros to pass, to start to take shape above ground. The site delivery team has worked hard over the winter months to allow this work to happen.

MMA's women share their construction stories

Women from across the MMA are sharing their stories about working in the construction industry to mark International Women's Day on 8 March 2019.

You can find out what it is like to be a Quantity Surveyor, a Track Engineer, a Stakeholder Liaison Officer and many other roles, as well as find out what the women would say to younger women considering their career paths, in video content at www.metroalliance.co.uk.



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